GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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JUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether special Jute Development Programme has been implemented by the Government in major jute growing States in the country including West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of Central allocation made under the scheme to each of these States during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the outcome of the implementation of the programme in the country particularly in West Bengal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)& (b) The government has implemented a National Jute Development Programme (NJDP) funded from a corpus of Special Jute Development Fund and under assistance from UNDP. Under this programmevarious projects have been undertaken towards development and diversification of jute and jute goods by several organisations. The total funds released to various organisations, yearwise, during the last three years under NJDP is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
SJDF	663.19	895.41	122.00

(c) The various projects taken up under the National Jute Development Programme have helped the jute based products to make successful inroads in the textiles markets by useful application of jute in handlooms, handicrafts, packaging, decorative and geo-jute. Several Research and Development initiatives have been undertaken to develop jute based fabrics/cloths for furnishings, upholstery, carpets, blankets and other home textiles including apparels. Eco-friendly hydrocarbon free jute bags have been developed for meeting international specification for packaging of food grade materials.